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Convention centre absent from budget

FUNDING There's no funding for a downtown Halifax convention centre in the provincial budget released yesterday, but Finance Minister Graham Steele said that shouldn't be taken as a sign.

"Nobody should read anything into that. It doesn't mean that we favour it or don't favour it," Steele said. "For such a large project, there's enough of a lead time that it would be in the next budget anyway."

Provincial cabinet is scheduled to decide on whether or not to fund the centre April 19.

The new convention centre, to be built on Argyle Street, is estimated to cost between \$100 million and \$150 million between each of the three levels of government. A projected opening date is set for 2013.

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HST set to rise to 15%



Finance Minister Graham Steele holds up a pair of sneakers before giving his budget address yesterday. Steele was highlighting the fact the provincial portion of the HST is being removed from children's footwear and clothing, feminine hygiene products and diapers.

Budget highlights

- Total spending for 2010-11 forecast at \$9 billion with a \$222-million deficit.
- Harmonized sales tax to rise by two percentage points to 15 per cent as of July 1, generating \$215 million in revenue this fiscal year.
- To offset the tax increase, rebates will be offered to households earning less than \$30,000 annually, amounting to about \$240 per household.
- No increases to corporate taxes.
- Those earning more than \$150,000 annually will be subject to a new tax bracket that will claim 21 per cent of earnings over that amount.
- The 2009-10 deficit is pegged at \$488 million.
- The NDP government will also eliminate 1,000 jobs from the public service over the next four years through attrition, while imposing wage restraints and a pension earnings cap on those who remain.

Sales tax hike needed because of Conservative 'recklessness': Dexter

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"The previous government, through sheer recklessness, drove us into a position where we now have to deal with a structural deficit."

Premier Darrell Dexter

Tax hikes and reining in government spending are at the forefront of the NDP's plan to conquer the province's deficit.

Yesterday's budget revealed the much-expected HST hike of two percentage points that will come into effect July 1. Nova Scotia will be tied with P.E.I. for the highest consumption tax in the country.

The 15 per cent HST is expected to add \$300 million per year against the deficit, but the main emphasis is on cost savings.

Within four years, the NDP plans to find \$770 million of annual savings. Some concrete items are listed, such as bulk buying of medical drugs and cutting the civil service by 10 per cent through attrition. Other items, including "modernization of the school system" and "streamlined health service," are more vague.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil and Tory Leader

Karen Casey both attacked the HST increase. McNeil said the NDP is "taking the easy way out." Casey said the tax would kill Nova Scotia's competitive edge.

But Premier Darrell Dexter said the tax increase, something he promised he wouldn't do in last year's election campaign, was necessary.

"The previous government, through sheer recklessness, drove us into a po-

sition where we now have to deal with a structural deficit that would heap a \$1.4-billion budget deficit on the backs of the province," Dexter said.

"We said we were going to deal with it and that's what this budget does."

The provincial share of the HST will be taken off of children's clothes, diapers and feminine hygiene products.

The budget also introduces an affordable living tax credit to offset the impact of the HST impact on lower-income families. People making less than \$30,000 per year will actually have a little bit more

money on average.

A higher burden is being placed on the upper class, with a 1.75 per cent income tax increase for those making more than \$150,000 per year. Due to the phasing out of a surtax, those making between \$83,000 and \$150,000 get an income tax break of 1.75 per cent.

The small business tax rate was cut to 4.5 per cent from five per cent to spur economic growth.

"We think it's pretty significant that we are implementing the first reduction on the business tax rate since 1992," said Finance Minister Graham Steele.



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Zinck nowhere to be seen on budget day

Trevor Zinck, left, was a no-show on budget day yesterday at the Nova Scotia legislature. The independent MLA for Dartmouth North is facing allegations he racked up thousands of dollars of gambling debts on a constituent's credit card. Calls to Zinck have gone unanswered since the allegations by Scott Marshall, a paraplegic with cerebral palsy, were made late last week. Zinck was recently ousted from the NDP caucus over what the party claims is numerous cases of him being reimbursed for unpaid bills.

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Officials project less MLA spending

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BUDGET Finance officials think MLAs will spend less now that their expenses are public and require receipts, according to the budget.

A budget line of \$1.3 million in average savings is made up of several factors, including fewer cabinet ministers and the cutting of some MLA funds.

One component is \$110,000 in savings — or just over \$2,000 per MLA — due to MLAs not expensing as much since reforms opened up the process to public scrutiny and made receipts necessary.

Reaction to HST hike mixed

Groups upset, but businesses take news in stride



Finance Minister Graham Steele, left, gestures while giving his budget address in the Nova Scotia legislature yesterday. Premier Darrell Dexter listens by his side.

ALEX BOUTILIER
for Metro Halifax

Some business groups are fuming over yesterday's budget announcement that the provincial HST will increase by two percentage points on July 1.

Several local businesses contacted by Metro yesterday, however, seemed to be less bothered.

"Whenever anybody has to pay more taxes, that's not a great thing," said Patrick O'Reagan, president of O'Reagan's New and Used Cars.

"But I think that, largely, it is going to be what it is going to be ... I don't think people's needs for automo-

biles are going to change. The (amount is) not normally a deal-breaker."

O'Reagan's optimism stood in stark contrast with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, which is "outraged" at the higher taxes.

"The NDP campaign said they would take the HST off home energy; they didn't say they would raise it on everything else," Judith Andrew, CFIB's Atlantic vice-president, said in a release. She said a strong majority of business groups and citizens are against the tax increase.

Luc Erjavec, vice-president of the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association, agreed.

"It's a tough, tough busi-

ness environment," he said at Province House. "We want to create some opportunity in this province ... You don't do that by taking money out of the pockets of customers."

Realtor Harvey Riggs, however, was less worried about the hike. Riggs deals predominantly with new home sales, which are affected by the HST. But in Riggs' opinion, a two per cent increase is not going to hurt the industry.

"I don't think it's going to affect our business very much, because it's going to put us back where we were two or three years ago when it was 15 per cent anyway," he said.

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Tax increase unpopular with citizens

OLIVIA WOOD
for Metro Halifax

HST Most people Metro Halifax talked to yesterday about the NDP budget and its two-percentage-point increase in the HST were less than impressed.

"I'm almost at a loss for words," said Halifax's Shane Lindsay, who was walking along Spring Garden Road yesterday afternoon. "I don't think you should raise taxes in a recession. I think any economist would know that, or anyone with a lot of financial sense or political sense."

"Taxes are too high already," added Halifax's John Cyr, also on Spring Garden Road. "Instead of raising taxes they should balance the budget in other ways, like skimming the fat off the government."

Nova Scotia Finance Minister Graham Steele said yesterday the HST increase is needed to help bring down the province's deficit.

"Paying off the deficit makes it semi-OK, but any reason for taxes going up is never good," said Halifax resident Clinton Crookshank.

One woman, who wouldn't give her name, was one of a few to say the tax hike wasn't such a bad thing.

"They got to balance it somehow," she said of the deficit. "We're in such a hole. We have to somehow make sacrifices."

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NDP lays out changes to public-service pension fund

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PLAN Nova Scotia's looming public-service pension crisis is fixed, says the NDP.

Yesterday's budget laid out a series of measures that Finance Minister Graham Steele projects will erase the \$1.5-billion unfunded liability in the public-service pension fund.

Most of that comes from unlinking annual payouts to raises in the cost of living. Instead, payments will be indexed at 1.25 per cent for five years and only after that if the plan is fully funded.

Minimum retirement age is upped five years to 55 for new employees, and survivor benefits are dropped slightly to 60 per cent. About \$500 million is made up through refinancing with lower interest rates.

"It was something that had to be done," said Steele. "I think we have a solution that is fair to everybody."

Unusually for provincial politics, the announcement went uncriticized by both the official Opposition and unions. NSGEU president Joan Jessome said her members won't like having benefits cut but something had to be done.

"We know that changes, although unpleasant, are necessary for the plan," said Jessome.

"The number 1 thing to do is make sure that that plan is here for the long run and it stabilizes, and it was not stable."

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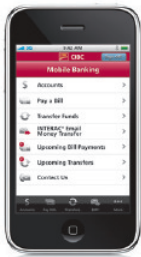
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Police are investigating after a woman on St. Margarets Bay Road in Upper Tantallon saw an unknown man looking through a window at her. **METRO HALIFAX**

Suspect's arraignment held over till tomorrow

21-year-old faces several charges in hotel incident

SHELBY MCDONALD
for Metro Halifax

An Edmonton man facing a variety of charges including sexual assault following an incident at a downtown hotel over the weekend made a brief appearance in Halifax provincial court yesterday.

Andrew Norman Wilson — casually dressed in a T-shirt and grey corduroys — showed little emotion as the judge announced his arraignment had been held over until tomorrow.

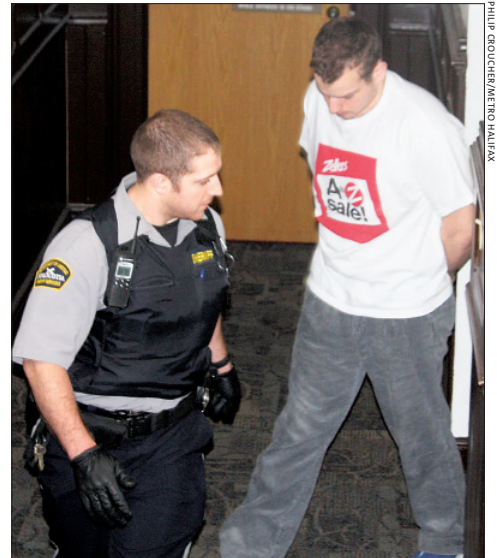
The 21-year-old never spoke as the early afternoon proceeding wrapped up in under a minute.

Wilson is facing charges of sexual assault, aggravated assault, forcible confinement, choking and unlawfully entering a dwelling after an incident at the Four Points by Sheraton hotel on Hollis Street early Saturday morning.

Halifax Regional Police say an American couple had just checked into the hotel when the woman left to get something from a vending machine.

It was then police say the woman was confronted by a man who began sexually assaulting her.

In an effort to escape, police say the woman convinced the man to take her back to her room, where she yelled for her husband.



Andrew Norman Wilson, a 21-year-old from Edmonton, is brought into Halifax provincial court yesterday. Wilson is facing a number of charges including sexual assault, aggravated assault and choking after an incident at a Halifax hotel over the weekend.

band.

Police say the man then began assaulting the husband, while the woman went to the front desk for help.

Officers arrived on scene and after conducting a search of the hotel, police say the suspect was found in the hallway on the fourth floor.

He was arrested without incident.

The judge remanded Wilson back to the Burnside jail yesterday pending his next court appearance. Wilson, a military engineer stationed at CFB Edmonton, has been in jail since being arrested.

Police say the female victim in this incident wasn't injured, but was shaken from the ordeal. Her husband suffered minor cuts and bruises.

Police arrest suspect in hotel robbery

FALL RIVER A 29-year-old man is facing a robbery charge after the Inn on the Lake hotel in Fall River was held up yesterday afternoon.

Halifax RCMP say a man entered the hotel at 12:20

p.m. and stole an unknown amount of cash. He fled the scene on foot but officers were able to arrest him a short distance from the hotel located on Highway 2. Police say money and a knife were found on the

suspect after his arrest.

Police say the suspect has been taken into custody and is being charged with robbery. They also say other charges are pending as they continue to investigate.

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Man faces charges after weapons call

COLE HARBOUR A 44-year-old male was set to appear in Dartmouth provincial court yesterday on a variety of charges after police responded to a weapons call in Cole Harbour on Sunday morning.

The suspect allegedly broke into his ex-girlfriend's home on Cedarwood Drive and threatened her with a knife, then fled the scene. Police say officers then arrived, located the suspect and pursued him on foot until he was caught and arrested.

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Traffic stops net illegal smokes

SEIZURE Police say three Nova Scotians are facing charges after a seizure of about 350,000 illegal cigarettes. RCMP say the smokes were found after three traffic stops in Colchester County last week in Londonderry, East Village

and the Truro area.

The accused include a 28-year-old Eskasoni man, a 56-year-old Indian Brook woman and a 55-year-old man from Spryfield.

Police say they will appear in Truro provincial court at a later date. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

SPIKES ON TRAILS RCMP responded Sunday to a report of hidden spikes on the Rails to Trails multi-use community trail near Island View Drive in Boutilliers Point. Police say an ATV driver, upon checking a flat

tire, found a metal plate with three screws and a long nail was wedged into the tire. RCMP would like to remind people to use caution on the trails and report any incidents like this to police. **METRO HALIFAX**

Youths charged after police confiscate pot, scales, bear spray

Three youths are facing various drug and weapons charges after a traffic stop in Halifax on Monday night. Police say a vehicle was stopped on North and Creighton streets, and cash, marijuana, drug scales and a canister of bear spray were seized. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Council ready to help quash violence: Kelly

ALEX BOUTILIER
for Metro Halifax

Mayor Peter Kelly said he is prepared to offer police "whatever they need" to end the recent rash of gun violence that has ripped through several neighbourhoods in HRM.



Peter Kelly

Kelly met with Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazely and Halifax RCMP Supt. Darrell Beaton yesterday to discuss the issue. He told Metro last night that as a result of those discussions, Halifax regional council is prepared to assist police should they so require.

"Whatever help they need, we'll be there to help them," Kelly proclaimed. "They are doing their due diligence, they are doing their investigative work, they are working these files as they would any other files in this situation."

Kelly also said if the police are going to get to the bottom of the shootings, it

will be with the community's help. He is urging members of the public to come forward if they have any information concerning the incidents.

"Our concern is that some innocent individual or bystander who may be in the area may be involved with a negative outcome," Kelly said. "We need anybody with any information to come forward and help us to try and bring resolve and stability to those communities. So we would encourage those communities to come forward."

Over the past two weeks, there have been six shootings in HRM. The most recent came on back-to-back nights last weekend in Uniacke Square. Two men were injured in a Friday evening shooting, but police said the victims are not co-operating with their investigation.

No one has been arrested in relation to any of the shootings, and police are still investigating.

Search turns up missing men

HIKERS Two men who became lost in the woods in the Chain Lake Drive area of Bayers Lake were located late last evening.

Halifax Regional Police say the men became lost in the woods in the early evening and couldn't find their way out.

They entered the woods on their bikes before dark,

police say, but got lost and then disoriented.

Police were able to make contact with the two by cellphone, and around 10:30 p.m., had determined their location and were en route to them.

Halifax Ground Search and Rescue, along with a police K-9 unit, assisted in the search. **METRO HALIFAX**

HRM warmed by fourth straight day of record-breaking weather

TEMPERATURES Yesterday marked the fourth day in a row a temperature record was broken in HRM.

According to Environment Canada, the temperature at Halifax Stanfield International Airport hit 16 C yesterday, edging the previous record mark of 15.7 C set in 1991. For this time of year, the average temperature is around 7 C.

It's been a warm start to

the month of April. Last Saturday began a small heat wave as temperatures hit 21.3 C. Sunday maxed out a 24.7 C, while Monday reached 20.2 C.

All three temperatures set records.

The forecast for the rest of the week is dark and grey, with the possibility of showers and more seasonal temperatures.

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News in brief

INJURIES A 22-year-old male cyclist was taken to hospital with serious injuries after he collided with a vehicle in Halifax yesterday afternoon. Police say the indication is the

cyclist was travelling westbound on Quinpool Road at about 2 p.m. when he drove into the back of a vehicle going in the same direction.

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Cape Breton tale comes home in new production

OLIVIA WOOD
for Metro Halifax

PERFORMANCE Director Mary-Colin Chisholm is very excited for Eastern Front Theatre's production of Lauchie, Liza and Rory playing at the Bus Stop Theatre.

The lively story of twin brothers from Cape Breton has been performed all over the world, and Chisholm is happy to bring the show home.

The play officially premieres tonight and runs through April 18.

"We finally have a chance to bring it back to all our friends, family and any new friends we make along the way," Chisholm said after yesterday's media launch for the show.

The story begins with Lauchie Macdonald, who leads a slow, boring life until he's introduced to the vivacious Liza. As the pair begin to fall in love, Lauchie's twin brother Rory adds a hilarious twist to the story, as he too wins Liza's heart.

The play is based on the novel by Sheldon Currie, who was born in Cape Breton.

"The story is simply ingenious," said Scott Burke,



Christian Murray and Natasha MacLellan star in Eastern Front Theatre's production Lauchie, Liza and Rory, which runs through April 18 at Bus Stop Theatre.

artistic director for Eastern Front Theatre.

The entire play is performed by two actors, Natasha MacLellan and Christian Murray. Chisholm said putting this play together was something of a challenge, as the two must play a variety of roles.

"We've done it so much now we function sort of like a machine, but in the beginning it took a lot of

figuring," she said.

The play features traditional clothing and a basic setting, but a new addition to the play is fiddle accompaniment, courtesy of Mairi Rankin.

"It's this really happy new thing, and its keeping the show fresh," Chisholm said.

Chisholm said the tone of the story is what makes it special. "It's so comic but at the same time, just for

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- Lauchie, Liza and Rory runs through April 18 with evening performances at 8 p.m. and weekend matinees at 2 p.m.
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an instant, it will be really poignant and heartfelt," she said.

Man dead, wife hospitalized after motorcycle crash in P.E.I.

MILTON A P.E.I. man is dead and his wife is in hospital after a collision Monday between their motorcycle and a van on the Island.

Police say the driver of

the motorcycle, 54-year-old Joel Paul MacLean, was killed while his wife, Karen MacLean, was taken to hospital at the QEII Health Sciences Centre in

Halifax.

RCMP say the couple is from the St. Ann-Hunter River area.

The crash occurred at the intersection of Route 2

and Route 7 in Milton.

The 18-year-old driver of the van was not hurt.

Police are investigating the cause of the crash.

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A Canadian man who drew international attention as a prolific producer of illegally copied movies has died. His case was considered a landmark because it was believed to be the first time someone had received a jail term in Canada for such a crime. Montrealer Geremi Adam's girlfriend says on his Facebook page that he died Sunday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Lots of cynicism in new poll

Canadians have little confidence in either the Conservatives or Liberals to manage the economy, balance the books or reflect their values, a new poll suggests. Indeed, more Canadians picked "None of the above" and "Don't know" than chose any federal party on those key issues, according to The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey.

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RCMP guarding Parliament Hill using submachine-guns

FIREARMS RCMP officers who guard Parliament Hill are being equipped with submachine-guns to give them more stopping power should a gunman attack the heart of Canada's government.

Security, which has already been significantly beefed up after a high-profile breach last December, will get another boost in the coming months when Mounties patrolling the Hill get the Heckler & Koch MP5 submachine-gun.

While officers will still rely on their semi-automatic 9-mm pistols as their main weapon, they'll also have access to the small but effective machine-guns, which will be carried as a "secondary weapon" in their cruisers.

The new weapons are meant to better engage an "active shooter," said assistant commissioner Pat McDonnell, who heads the RCMP's protective policing unit, which includes the Mounties who patrol Parliament Hill.

He said all members of

Back again

• For the RCMP, it's back to the future — officers once carried MP5s until the force replaced their .38 calibre revolvers with 9-mm pistols in the mid-1990s. At the time it was thought the MP5s were no longer needed because the 9-mm gun was a "better tactical weapon" than the revolver it was replacing. But the MP5s are being taken out of storage and officers given a refresher course after concerns that the police required some extra firepower.

his team in the Ottawa area, including the officers who keep watch over foreign embassies, will be getting the weapon, noted for its rapid, accurate fire.

"Protective operation members are trained to respond and react immediately to active shooter type situations and the use of the MP5 should level the tactical playing field for our members," McDonnell said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Take action on cyber security, researchers advise Ottawa

Ottawa must take urgent action on cyberspace security, or risk becoming the next victim of a targeted attack by hackers using social media like Twitter to glean secret government or corporate information, Canadian researchers said yesterday.

The team of researchers from the University of Toronto and Ottawa-based SecDev Group released a report yesterday documenting a complex cyber espionage system of Chinese hackers.

Twitter and email were among the tools used to access highly sensitive documents from the Dalai Lama's offices and national security data from India, they said.

"What the ... report

Cyber attacks

• The report found that hackers operating out of China stole highly sensitive data, including documents from Indian national security and the Dalai Lama's offices in Tibet. The data also includes information provided to Indian authorities by third-party nationals, including Canadian visa applicants.

shows is that the social media clouds of cyberspace we rely upon today have a dark hidden core," said Ron Deibert, one of the principal researchers.

"There is a vast subterranean ecosystem to cyberspace within which criminal and espionage net-

works thrive."

A vacuum of global cooperation on cyberspace security only serves to assist those networks, Deibert said. There are no rules of the road when it comes to cyber espionage and it's an area in which Canada could take an active leadership role, he said.

"The Canadian government has neither a domestic cyber security strategy or a foreign policy for cyberspace," Deibert said.

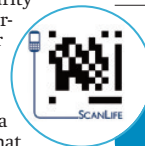
"(The report) should offer a wake-up call that rectifies the situation or we may find that we are the next victim."

However, industrialized countries tend to be better

positioned to ward off attacks from cyber spies or cyber criminals, the researchers said.

"There has been, I think, a rush to embrace new information and communications technologies around the world, especially in developing countries, without corresponding attention to security," Deibert said.

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Afghan prisoner probe kept hush-hush

INQUIRY The first two days of a probe into the handover of war prisoners in Afghanistan will be held behind closed doors.

The Military Police Complaints Commission has barred journalists, government officials and the general public from sitting in on its proceedings until Thursday.

The civilian-run military watchdog started its probe yesterday, but procedural wrangling stalled the panel from hearing its first witness.

The hearings were scheduled to resume in the afternoon, but a spokeswoman told reporters during a lunch break they would not be allowed back until Thursday morning.

"They will be behind closed doors for the remainder of today and tomorrow," Nancy-Ann Walker said in an e-mail.

"The witnesses for today and tomorrow will not testify publicly."



New chair of the Military Police Complaints Commission, Glenn Stannard, listens as hearings resume related to a complaint about military police conduct in Afghanistan yesterday in Ottawa.

tify publicly."

The commission is investigating an allegation from Amnesty International Canada and the B.C. Civil

Liberties Association.

The groups say Canadian military police did not properly investigate officers responsible for direct-

ing the transfer of detainees to Afghan authorities, allegedly at the risk of torture.

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Poisoning at reserve worse, says study

FIRST NATIONS A study released yesterday suggests the health effects of mercury poisoning at a First Nations reserve in northwestern Ontario are worse now than in the 1970s.

But while some environmental groups are calling for tighter guidelines, Premier Dalton McGuinty said he wants to take a good look at the report before deciding whether to act.

McGuinty, asked about the study while attending an event yesterday in Peterborough, said he wanted to wait to read the report before making any decisions.

"It seems that we have conflicting data and information," McGuinty said.

"We have a report, apparently, which says we have a continuing problem."

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Ohio police say a woman shot and killed her 19-year-old cousin Sunday after an argument over jean shorts and a T-shirt the teen wore to Easter dinner. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Marriage drama has South Asia abuzz

Former Pakistan cricket team captain Shoaib Malik isn't the first professional athlete to receive unsolicited pictures from an admiring female fan.

But his decision to marry his romantic pursuer — sight unseen — surely sets him apart. In 2002, Malik was a rising star in Pakistan cricket when he agreed to recite marriage vows over the phone with Ayesha Siddiqui — the two had never met. Eight years on, Malik's baffling move is stoking a media frenzy throughout South Asia and threatening to sideline a highly anticipated Indian celebrity wedding this month.

News of Malik's bizarre marriage emerged after his family confirmed recently that the 28-year-old is scheduled to marry Indian tennis star Sania Mirza, 23, two months after they first met. Siddiqui, 29, wants an official divorce, and has



Sania Mirza and Shoaib Malik, to be married later this month, address the media in India Monday.

filed a police complaint accusing Malik of cheating and criminal intimidation.

For his part, Malik admits he did marry Siddiqui over the phone after they exchanged photographs. But those photos, he insists, turned out to be of someone else, a younger, prettier woman.

The highly

charged drama has dominated Indian and Pakistani TV news coverage. Shiv Sena, a right-wing political party that previously accused Mirza of disrespecting the Indian flag, said she could not be truly Indian if she chose to marry a Pakistani. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

EARTHQUAKE A magnitude 7.8 earthquake has rattled Indonesia's northwest island of Sumatra, the U.S. Geological Survey reported last night. The quake was centred 205 kilometres

1,425 kilometres northwest of Jakarta, the U.S. Geological Survey said. A tsunami watch was issued for the region.

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Four workers still missing in mine

WEST VIRGINIA Governor Joe Manchin says rescue crews have started drilling to release gases at a mine in an attempt to make it safe to search for four miners who are missing.

Manchin said yesterday that rescue workers won't be able to explore the area until they are able to test the underground air for dangerous gases.

Chris Adkins, the chief operating officer for Massey Energy Co., says he expects the drilling to be complete as early as noon today. A huge underground explosion blamed on methane gas killed 25 miners in the worst U.S. coal mining disaster since 1984, and rescuers yesterday began a dangerous and possibly futile attempt to rescue four others still missing.

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Fire investigators in Maine say a man is being charged with setting a fire that destroyed the topless coffee shop where his girlfriend worked. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Brazil **Deadly floods, mudslides**



A rescue worker carries a baby as other victims are helped after a landslide in Rio de Janeiro yesterday. The heaviest rains in Rio's history triggered landslides that killed at least 81 people as rising water turned roads into rivers and paralyzed Brazil's second-largest city.

The new nuclear option

Obama rewrites decades-old U.S. policy on use of weapons

U.S. President Barack Obama vowed yesterday to constrain the use of the nation's Cold War-era nuclear arsenal, part of a bold but politically risky move aimed at discouraging nuclear technology from spreading.

Obama's plan, a sharp departure from his predecessor's policy, is a bid to play down the threat posed by nations like Russia and China while emphasizing the threat posed by terrorists or states believed to encourage terror.

"To stop the spread of nuclear weapons, prevent nuclear terrorism, and pursue the day when these weapons do not exist, we will work aggressively to advance every element of our comprehensive agenda: To reduce arsenals, to secure vulnerable nuclear materials, and to strengthen international agree-

UN reaction

• UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he welcomes Obama's reaffirmation of his commitment to a nuclear-free world and believes the new Nuclear Posture Review "is a timely initiative in that direction."

ments, Obama said in a statement. Under the new plan, the U.S. promises not to use nuclear weapons against countries that do not have them. The policy would not apply to states like North Korea and Iran, however, because of their refusal to cooperate on non-proliferation standards. Obama's plan would lessen the role nuclear weapons play in America's defence planning. Democrats also praised the decision, while some Republicans said it could weaken the U.S. defence

capability. Rep. Buck McKeon, the top Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, said the policy change could carry "clear consequences" for security and said he was troubled by "some of the language and perceived signals embedded" in the policy.

At a Pentagon news conference, Defence Secretary Robert Gates said the unprecedented limits being placed on the U.S. nuclear arsenal will not weaken the nation's defences and will send a "strong message" to Iran and North Korea to "play by the rules."

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News in brief

CLIMBER A 13-year-old California boy plans to try to climb Mount Everest in a quest to reach the summits of the highest peaks on all seven continents. If Jordan Romero succeeds, he'll become the youngest person to conquer

the world's highest mountain. Jordan will attempt the ascent to 8,850 metres with his father and his father's girlfriend, both experienced outdoors people who have helped train the teenager for top-level mountaineering. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

CHINA A dangerous gas buildup and narrow shafts stalled rescue efforts Tuesday for the remaining 32 miners trapped in a Chinese coal mine with no signs of life, as euphoria faded from the previous day's stunning rescue of 115 workers after

more than a week underground. The recovery of six bodies also dimmed hopes.

Rescue work stretched into its 10th day but met a new challenge as toxic, highly combustible gas seeped into the mine, reaching levels a rescue spokesman said were "impermissible." Efforts to pump out enough water for rescuers to enter were hindered by tunnels too narrow for large pumps to be installed. The grim outlook came

after Monday's dramatic rescues at the Wangjialing mine in the northern province of Shanxi. The 115 miners survived for eight days underground by eating sawdust, tree bark, paper and even coal.

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Comment

Loonie dances with the Big Cheese

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One way to tell the strength of the Canadian dollar — the length of the lineup at the border.

Last weekend, it was three hours long at B.C.'s Peace Arch border cross-

ing. It's hard to imagine anyone waiting three hours to buy discount cheese, but I admit there's something deeply satisfying about scoring a giant wedge of mellow yellow for about one-twelfth the cost at the local supermarket. A quick way to get in touch with your inner rodent.

As I write, I'm in the perfect place to view the loonie's run to parity with the U.S. dollar: The Mandalay Bay hotel, 14 floors above the Las Vegas strip with a view of the pyra-

mid-shaped Luxor, that peculiar monument to the excess that was never ancient Egypt.

I flew down with a host of Canadian invaders on the day the loonie reached 99.9 cents US. Yesterday morning, for one brief shining moment, the two currencies were exactly equal. This is great news for the punters, who have experienced a 25 per cent increase in their buying power from a year ago. They are the lords and ladies of the slots, the buffet, and the outlet malls.

This dance of currencies is how Canadians keep score in our one-sided competition with our American cousins. But what does it mean, really? There's loose talk about how Canada's fundamentals are so good compared to the U.S.: Our deficit is lower, our exports are in greater demand, and we're nicer. Maybe that's true. But let's not forget that while our currencies are now equal, that's about it.

The U.S. ranks first in the world with a gross domestic product (GDP) of

\$14.27 trillion, while Canada barely squeaks into the top 10 with \$1.4 trillion. The U.S. spends almost as much on its defence budget — \$1.2 trillion.

It's a good time to pause and ask if we'd be feeling so pleased with ourselves if we weren't wrapped in a \$1.2-trillion security blanket. Would our resources be so valuable and in such demand if we didn't have a reliable customer that always pays its bills? Ironically, much of the strength of our dollar versus theirs depends on their good

graces.

I'm not arguing that "everything is good in America." Just spend 15 minutes strolling the legendary Vegas strip: It's a temple of unsustainability, not to mention cholesterol. Don't try this at home!

But let's not let the loonie lure us into a fool's paradise of our own. So, sit back, relax and wait your turn. It's a three-hour wait for the cheese.

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Word on the street: Are you cheering for Tiger Woods as he returns to golf at the Masters this week?

Charles MacKenzie
Halifax

A: I'm not cheering against him, but I hope he doesn't have it too easy.

Andrea Landry
Dartmouth

A: I don't watch golf, but I feel bad for him. It's ridiculous. The only reason it's being blown up is because he's a celebrity.

Chris Wade
Halifax

A: Yeah. His golf game is not affected by a sex scandal.

Sunny Deol
Burnaby, B.C.

A: No, I think he's a complete d-bag for everything he's done to his wife and kids.

Darren McEwan
Ottawa

A: No. I'm not cheering against him. I'm just not cheering for him. I'm cheering for Mike Weir, a Canadian, to win it.

Anna Hayes
Toronto

A: No, there are more important things happening in the world other than Tiger Woods' comeback. I don't care what he's done; he's not the first or the last.



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Economists say a strong loonie will not mean lower prices right away.

Loonie briefly flies at par

The loonie returned to parity for the first time in 20 months yesterday, but analysts and retailers say Canadians shouldn't expect to see price parity in stores.

Buoyed by strong Canadian fundamentals and the currency's upward momentum, the loonie hovered around parity with the U.S. dollar most of the day, reaching as high as 100.12¢ US, before settling a fraction below the line at

99.88¢. But economists say it is only a matter of time — maybe days — before the currency stakes its ground above the line for an extended period.

"Canada is the new Switzerland of stability, but with domestic assets the world wants," said Derek Holt, vice-president of economics with Scotia Capital, in reference to Canada's commodity riches, including oil

Mark Beazley of the Re-

tail Council of Canada said parity will inevitably lead to pressure on retailers to match prices on everything from clothes to electronics to automobiles with the U.S., in part because the comparison is easy to make. But he cautions that the value of the currency is only one of many factors that determine prices.

"Canada is one-tenth the size of the U.S. market so Canadian retailers aren't

getting the volume discounts their American counterparts are getting, and we have higher labour costs, higher import taxes, unique (bilingual) labelling requirements," he explained.

Analysts said the adjustments could take months or even years — as they did the last time the currency rose to and above the U.S. dollar in the fall of 2007.

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Convenience stores face tough times

RETAIL Canada's convenience stores were hammered last year by higher credit card fees, contraband cigarettes and the economic recession, according to an industry-sponsored study.

Illegal tobacco sales continued to cost stores more than \$2.5 billion in annual sales and \$260 million in profits, said the report prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The industry is heavily dependent on cigarette sales. Two out of every three cigarettes sold legally in Canada are purchased in convenience stores.

Credit card fees accounted for \$200 million in costs, some \$50 million of that as a result of a recent increase in processing fees by major card companies.

The industry's profitability was also hurt by an average five per cent increase in the minimum wage.

Overall, the net profitability of convenience stores was barely holding at about one per cent, about half the level in 2008.

The future is expected to remain challenging as the maturing industry faces slowing sales growth, the study said.

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Frugal eaters turn to High Liner: CEO

FOODS Frugal Americans who buy more frozen seafood for home cooking will bring about "modest increases" in U.S. sales for High Liner Foods Inc. this year, the Lunenburg-based firm's chief executive predicts.

The United States accounted for slightly more than half of the company's sales last year, with the remainder coming mostly from in Canada. Sales in both countries were down from the previous year, but the decline in U.S. sales was bigger.

The trend in the recession-battered United States consists of aging baby boomers who are eating in and seeking to reduce calories by eating fish, High Liner CEO Henry Demone said yesterday after the company's annual meet-

ing. "I use the term 'the new normal' in the U.S. because the U.S. consumer was really over-leveraged in terms of credit cards and mortgages and now people are saving money and paying down debt," Demone said.

Demone, the son of a sea captain who fished the Grand Banks, said he's also still trolling the United States for potential acquisitions, after not finding any willing sellers in 2009.

Last year, the U.S. business had earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization of \$23 million, a jump of 25 per cent over the year before.

Overall, profits rose from \$14.2 million in 2008, or 88 cents per share, to \$19.7 million, or \$1.07 per share in 2009.

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Westjet sees 10% jump in passenger numbers

AIRLINES The newly appointed chief executive of Westjet Airlines Ltd., Gregg Saretzky, says he's pleased with how the company performed last month.

Westjet's passenger traffic in March was up 10 per cent from the same time last year. That equates to about 94,000 additional guests.

The Calgary-based airline's load factor — which is a measure of how

full its fleet was — rose to 83.8 per cent.

That's up 1.9 percentage points from March 2009, despite a 7.4 per cent increase in capacity.

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AOL looking to sell or shutter Bebo

ONLINE The struggling Internet company AOL plans to sell or shut down social website Bebo, which it bought for \$850 million nearly two years ago.

In an email sent to AOL Inc. employees yesterday, the company said that Bebo's audience is falling and that it would need a "significant investment" to remain competitive as a social networking company.

Bebo has been popular in Europe, but not in the U.S. According to comScore Inc., it had 5.1 million U.S. users in February, compared with 209.7 million for Facebook.

AOL says it's looking for potential buyers and plans to finish a strategic evaluation by the end of May.

AOL bought Bebo in May 2008. AOL was then part of Time Warner Inc.

It separated from the media conglomerate last year.

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Mine blast Trading impact



Specialist Evan Solomon, left, directs trading in shares of Massey Energy Co. on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Massey shares fell 11.4 per cent to \$48.45 US a day after a deadly explosion at a West Virginia mining operation run by Massey subsidiary Performance Coal Co., which officials said has a history of safety violations.

Crushers down 2-0 to Slammers in series

The Pictou County Weeks Crushers are down 2-0 in the Maritime Junior A Hockey League best-of-seven final. The Crushers lost 4-3 in double-overtime to the Woodstock Slammers last night in New Glasgow. **METRO HALIFAX**

Sports



NHL scouting ranking out today

The NHL's Central Scouting department is scheduled to release its final ranking for June's entry draft today at 1 p.m. Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Mathieu Corbeil, left, and defenceman Konrad Abeltshauser are expected to earn high rankings. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Ervin 'always in attack mode'

Point guard seems to be peaking at the right time for Rainmen

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When Gary Ervin gets the ball after a defensive stop, he has only one thing on his mind.

"Attack," the Halifax Rainmen point guard says. "I'm always in attack mode."

The six-foot-one Brooklyn, N.Y., native has achieved all-star status in the Premier Basketball League with his rare ability to push the ball 90 feet up the floor in a matter of seconds, making something happen with a fearless drive to the basket or a well-placed dish — even when opponents are falling all over themselves to get back defensively.

"You've always got to get your opponents on their heels," Ervin says.

The NCAA Division I product of Arkansas and Mississippi State joined the Rainmen after one season of pro ball in the NBA D-League.

Heading into tonight's regular-season finale against the Quebec Kebs at 7 p.m. at the Metro Centre, Ervin is fourth in Rainmen scoring with 14.3 points per game in 19 outings. He has contributed a team-best 6.1 assists per game and another 6.1 rebounds, second on-

ly to star forward Eric Crookshank. He is the only player in Rainmen history to have recorded a triple-double, a tribute to his all-around ability.

"I don't think there's another guard in the league who can run the ball down your throat like he does," says Rainmen owner Andre Levingston. "If you look away for a second, he's at the basket."

Even a painful injury hasn't slowed the dynamic Ervin down. The 26-year-old separated an injured shoulder that was already in a brace in the first quarter of an overtime loss to the first-place Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry on March 27, yet was Halifax's best player in a 26-point, 11-rebound,

"I don't think there's another guard in the league who can run the ball down your throat like he does."

Andre Levingston on Gary Ervin

six-assist showing. Ervin has averaged 17 points per game in his past eight outings, a big jump from the 12 points he averaged in his first 11 contests.

With the playoffs right around the corner, Ervin may be peaking at the right time, even with his injury.

"In the crunch time of the season, I've been attacking more, being more aggressive, scoring like I know I can score," Ervin says. "It's been opening things up for my teammates and making their jobs easier."



Halifax point guard Gary Ervin, left, is fourth in team scoring with 14.3 points per game. He is averaging a team-high 6.1 assists per game.

Sea Dogs take stranglehold in series

QMJHL Former Dartmouth Subways star Michael Kirkpatrick piled up two goals and two assists last night as the Saint John Sea Dogs took a commanding lead in the QMJHL quarter-finals.

The 19-year-old forward's efforts lifted the Sea Dogs to a 6-0 victory over the host Gatineau Olympiques in Quebec and gave them a 3-0 stranglehold on the best-of-seven series.

Kirkpatrick, who is from North Sydney, vaulted to the top of the QMJHL playoff scoring race and now has five goals and 11 assists for 16 points in eight games.

In the other quarter-final, the host Moncton Wildcats hammered the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies 7-2 and are out in front 3-0 in the series.

Gabriel Bourque tied a team record with four goals to lead the Wildcats.

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Perfect Storm set for June in Halifax

MMA Two-time Ultimate Fighting Championship heavyweight titleholder Tim Sylvia will go head-to-head with UFC veteran Wes Sims at the Metro Centre on Friday, June 4.

The Sylvia-Sims bout for the International Fighting Championship super-heavyweight world title headlines a mixed-martial arts event dubbed Perfect Storm that was originally scheduled to be held in Saint John, N.B.

Among the other bouts, Pictou's Jason MacKay will vie for the Canadian lightweight title against Ontario's Jesse Ronson.

Tickets go on sale on Saturday and range from \$57 to \$132.50.

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PBL could feature more Canadian teams by 2011 season

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BASKETBALL The Premier Basketball League is eyeing expansion to Canada and has New Brunswick and Ontario in its crosshairs.

The PBL, which currently has eight franchises and only two in Canada, is examining expansion possibilities for the 2011 season in Saint John and Moncton in New Brunswick and Guelph and Hamilton in Ontario.

"We would like to see at least two more teams in Canada next year and we're working hard."

Andre Levingston, Rainmen owner and PBL director of Canadian business development

"We're actively talking to a couple of ownership groups and talking to a couple of markets," said Andre Levingston, owner of the Halifax Rainmen and the PBL's director of Canadian business development. "We would like to

see at least two more teams in Canada next year and we're working hard."

The Rainmen and Quebec Kebs are the two Canadian teams currently in the PBL. Franchises in Ontario and New Brunswick would allow American clubs to

make as many as four stops on road trips to Canada, while a team in New Brunswick would make an ideal Maritime rival for the Rainmen.

"There are some really good markets (in New Brunswick) that can add to some rivalries with Halifax and Quebec," Levingston said. "Moncton could be really exciting for a lot of different reasons and Saint John is an inviting market."

Levingston said the "entertainment dollar is all over the place" in bigger markets such as Toronto and that "there's no use competing with that."

He added that Canadian PBL expansion is "really important for the growth of the sport" in the country.

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Quebec at HALIFAX 7 p.m.

Maya Moore scored 23 points and helped Connecticut rally last night from a horrible first half to beat Stanford 53-47 for its second straight undefeated championship season. UConn (39-0) won its 78th straight, extending its women's NCAA record for consecutive victories. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Caps perfect against Pens

Washington sweeps season series as Ovechkin scores twice

NHL RESULTS

Capitals 6 Penguins 3



Alex Ovechkin scored twice to tie Sidney Crosby for the NHL lead with 48 goals and the Presidents' Trophy-winning Washington Capitals swept the season series from the Pittsburgh Penguins, winning 6-3 last night.

Crosby had a goal and two assists to give the Penguins captain his fourth 100-point season in five seasons — he missed only when he sat out two months of 2007-08 with a high ankle sprain — but Pittsburgh still lost its fourth in a row to Washington.

Ovechkin had four goals in 18 games before scoring on a power play early in the third period, then added an empty-net goal with a second remaining. Nicklas Backstrom set up both during a three-assist game, giving him 67 assists.

Pittsburgh played without star forward Evgeni Malkin, who missed his eighth game in his last 10 — this time with an undisclosed illness that caused him to leave the ice a few minutes into the pre-game warmup. He missed five games with a bruised right



Washington Capital Alex Ovechkin and Pittsburgh Penguin Sidney Crosby collide last night in Pittsburgh. The Caps won 6-3.

foot before scoring during a 4-3 overtime victory over Atlanta on Saturday.

The Capitals had little to play for except any possible momentum that sweeping the Stanley Cup champions might generate should the teams meet in the playoffs, yet won their second in as many nights. Washington already is assured of being top-seeded in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

The Penguins lost their fifth in eight games and slipped into fourth place in the conference, two points behind Atlantic Division leader New Jersey and one behind Northeast Division champion Buffalo. The Devils beat Atlanta 3-0 and the Sabres defeated the New York Rangers 5-2.

Pittsburgh is winless in 10 games this season against the Capitals and

Elsewhere

• Frans Nielsen scored the tying goal with 2:01 left in regulation and added another goal in the shootout as the New York Islanders beat Montreal 4-3 to prevent the Canadiens from clinching a playoff spot last night.

• Mike Fisher scored twice to help the Ottawa Senators beat the Florida Panthers 5-2 last night for their seventh win in eight games.

Devils, dropping all six to division rival New Jersey. The Penguins have three games remaining, against the Islanders in the final regular-season home game in Mellon Arena tomorrow and road games against Atlanta and the Islanders this weekend.

Penguins coach Dan Bylsma pulled goalie Marc-Andre Fleury after Tomas Fleischmann scored 21 seconds after Crosby scored on a power play to get Pittsburgh within a goal at 2-1. As Penguins forward Max Talbot drove Alexander Semin into the boards, the puck came loose, Fleischmann grabbed it and beat Fleury with a wrist shot at 6:42 of the second. An angry Fleury broke his stick against a wall as he walked down a tunnel leading to the Penguins' dressing room.

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Raptors suffer double blow as Bosh hurt in loss to Cavs

NBA RESULTS

Raptors 101 Cavaliers 113



Flattened by an inadvertent elbow, Toronto all-star forward Chris Bosh broke a bone in his face last night as the Raptors' playoff hopes took a blow with a 113-101 loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers, who have won 11 straight at home.

Bosh was accidentally struck by Cleveland's Antawn Jamison in the first three minutes. Bosh, who had blood dripping from his nose and mouth area as he was assisted from the floor, was taken to the Cleveland Clinic for a CT scan.

Following the game, the Raptors said in a statement that tests showed Bosh suffered a "maxilla and nasal fracture to the right side of his face." Bosh, who returned to



Blood drips from Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh during the first quarter of last night's game against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Quicken Loans Arena in the fourth quarter, will not travel with the team from Cleveland. Instead, he was to stay in a hospital overnight for further evaluation.

Jamison scored 20 points and Anthony Parker had a season-high 18.

LeBron James scored 19 with 13 assists and Mo Williams had 14 and 12 assists for Cleveland.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ottawa 5 Florida 2
N.Y. Islanders 4 Montreal 3 (SO)
Philadelphia 2 Toronto 0
Buffalo 5 N.Y. Rangers 2
Carolina 8 Tampa Bay 5
Chicago 5 Dallas 2
New Jersey 3 Atlanta 0
Washington 6 Pittsburgh 3
San Jose at Calgary
Colorado at Vancouver
Los Angeles at Anaheim

LEADING SCORERS

	GP	G
Alex Ovechkin Washington	70	48
Sidney Crosby Pittsburgh	78	48
Steven Stamkos Tampa Bay	79	47
Patrick Marleau San Jose	79	43
Marian Gaborik NY Rangers	72	41
Ilya Kovalchuk ATL/NJ	72	40
Dany Heatley San Jose	79	39

NBA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Cleveland 113 Toronto 101
Charlotte 109 Atlanta 100
Detroit 124 Philadelphia 103
Houston 113 Memphis 103
Milwaukee 79 Chicago 74
New York 104 Boston 101
Washington 112 Golden State 94
Oklahoma City at Utah
San Antonio at Sacramento

BASEBALL

YESTERDAY'S AL RESULTS

N.Y. Yankees 6 Boston 4
Tampa Bay 4 Baltimore 3
Minnesota at L.A. Angels
Seattle at Oakland

YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS

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2. Jonathon Gremesperger	BC, CA	1045	443	600	1043
3. Stephanie Warren	NS, CA	1015	420	609	1029
4. Shawn Tschritter	AB, CA	1034	419	600	1019
5. Christian Gagnon	NB, CA	982	402	615	1017
6. Dennis MacDougall	NS, CA	1009	407	604	1011
7. Cole Warren	NS, CA	1029	376	631	1007
7. Kyle Turk	NS, CA	1040	424	583	1007
9. Blaine Schlechter	AB, CA	1002	402	603	1005
10. Bernie Horton	ON, CA	968	415	585	1000
11. Myles Dennis	NS, CA	993	381	617	998
12. Calvin Lewis	NS, CA	1034	407	590	997
13. Steve Ferguson	ON, CA	1020	402	593	995
14. Grant Greenfield	AB, CA	1000	438	554	992
15. Sarah Jackson	ON, CA	984	371	619	990

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Letterman has offer for Butler coach

David Letterman offered Butler's Brad Stevens a year of his salary to take over his alma mater, Ball State. The Late Show host was joking, of course, when he interviewed the NCAA runner-up's coach via satellite yesterday. Stevens responded by complimenting Ball State's Billy Taylor. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Tiger Woods plays a shot during a practice round yesterday prior to the Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club.

Woods set for late start

Will tee off at 2:42 p.m. tomorrow

Thousands of fans are following Tiger Woods around Augusta National during practice rounds. Millions more around the world will be able to watch when he officially makes his return to golf at the Masters tomorrow.

Woods was put in the next-to-last group for the opening round — his first meaningful shot since his private life unravelled in sordid tales of infidelity five months ago. His 2:42 p.m. ADT tee time fits perfectly into live television coverage (TSN, 5 p.m. ADT).

Joining the world's No. 1 player will be K.J. Choi and Matt Kuchar.

"It's funny, because I sort of had a feeling when I left Dallas that it would be cool if I was paired with Tiger, and it happened," Choi said when he walked off the 18th green yesterday. "I like playing with big crowds."

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., tees off at 10:40 a.m. ADT and is paired with Lee Westwood and amateur Matteo Manassero.

Woods did not speak to the media yesterday, yet he remains very much the centre of attention at this Masters. The first big hurdle was going public — playing golf before fans and speaking to the media for the first time since Nov. 15.

On the web

Interactive profiles

- Meet the favourites, contenders and longshots for this year's Masters at metronews.ca/sports

The next big test comes tomorrow, when he starts keeping score. Woods twice has gone nine weeks without competition before a major championship — the 2006 U.S. Open after his father died and the 2008 U.S. Open after knee surgery — but he has never come to Augusta National without any type of a tuneup.

Few other golf courses require so much precision, even more when it's hot and dry as it has been all week.

"It's a very stressful course to play when you're in a major championship," British Open champion Stewart Cink said. "It's a really difficult test, and it comes at you with every shot. If your game is up to it, and your mentality is up to it, then you can succeed and you can play well and have some confidence."

"But if you are wavering in any way, the course just identifies that and it just spits you out."

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Iginla blames himself for Flames' lack of goals

NHL Calgary Flames captain Jarome Iginla points the finger at himself for his team's lack of goals this season.

With the Flames among the bottom three teams in the NHL in production, the player who has twice led the league in goal-scoring admits he's struggled.

"I'm going to be around 70 points. It's not enough," Iginla said yesterday prior to a game against San Jose. "We've had a lot of trouble scoring goals. That's been my job and my role."

After assisting on Sidney Crosby's goal to win Olympic gold on Feb. 28, the 32-year-old right-winger has scored five goals in 17 games for the

Flames.

"I haven't been very good," Iginla said. "It's not been for lack of want or lack of trying. Unfortunately I've been in a rut and I'm going to work to get out of it."

"Do I think my best times are behind me? No I don't. I've been in a lot of tough stretches before and droughts." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Olympic gold and Red Wings post-season push leave little down time for Mike Babcock.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Lionel Messi scored four times as Barcelona beat Arsenal 4-1 to reach the Champions League semifinals for the third straight year yesterday. Barcelona plays group stage rival Inter Milan next after the Serie A champions beat CSKA Moscow 2-0 on aggregate. **BASEBALL** Tests on the injured right shoulder of Colorado Rockies closer Huston Street show no major damage. Rockies manager Jim Tracy said Street was checked Monday by noted orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews. Tracy said an MRI exam came back clean.

CFL The Winnipeg Blue Bombers were the only CFL team to exceed the \$4.2-million salary cap last year, the league announced yesterday. The Blue Bombers finished the season \$44,687 over the cap and were therefore fined that amount by the league.

TENNIS Top-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Russia beat Yvonne Meusburger of Austria

6-3, 6-0 yesterday to reach the second round of the Andalucia Open.

BASEBALL Baseball players are threatening to file a collusion grievance charging owners with conspiring against free agents last winter. New players' association head Michael Weiner told The Associated Press yesterday the union has concerns, but owners deny any wrongdoing.

HOCKEY Craig MacTavish's coaching staff for the upcoming IIHF World Hockey Championship is set. Peter DeBoer and Billy Moores will join MacTavish behind the Canadian bench at next month's tournament in Germany. DeBoer is currently finishing his second season as the head coach of the Florida Panthers. Moores spent nine years as an assistant coach with the Edmonton Oilers under MacTavish and is currently a pro scout for the team.

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McNabb begins 'new chapter'

NFL The quarterback holding the burgundy No. 5 Washington Redskins jersey was Donovan McNabb. From everything that was said, it might have been simpler to just go ahead and call him John Elway II.

The six-time Pro Bowl star was formally introduced yesterday at Redskins Park. All things being equal, he would rather be preparing for a 12th season with the Philadelphia Eagles, but an Easter Sunday trade between NFC East rivals has opened what he called "a new chapter in the book of Donovan."

"I've always believed in finishing where you started," McNabb said. "I think there's a lot to be said with that. Not a lot of quarterbacks in this league are able to do that these days. Sometimes change is better. Sometimes you're forced into change. I would have



"Sometimes you're forced into change."

Donovan McNabb

loved to (stay in Philadelphia), but it didn't happen."

Instead, he is with the Redskins and new coach Mike Shanahan, and both went to great lengths to say that trading two draft picks for a 33-year-old quarterback with a few nicks is a solid investment. They did so by repeatedly invoking Elway, who was 34 when Shanahan became coach of the Broncos in 1995.

"I'm turning 34 this year," McNabb said. "And he finished John's career with two Super Bowls. Hopefully I can continue to follow behind that." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Koe suffers first loss

CURLING Kevin Koe's perfect run at the Capital One World Men's Curling Championship is over.

Veteran German Andreas Kapp posted a 9-6 win over the Edmonton skip yesterday, ending a six-game winning streak in Koe's tournament debut.

Koe opened the day with a dominating 6-2 win over Scotland's Warwick Smith to take sole possession of first place in the standings at 6-0.

But the Canadians struggled in the evening draw, eventually losing to a Kapp rink desperate for a win to keep its playoff hopes alive.

"Well, we didn't play well and that's what happens," said Koe. "That was a big win for them and not a good loss for us. We kind of gave away the game early



Kevin Koe throws his rock yesterday against Scotland.

and just didn't play well."

Koe said Kapp's experience played a part in the win. "These guys have been around," said Koe. "This is about their 15th worlds, they've played lots of these and they played well."

The loss dropped Koe into a three-way tie with Scotland and Norway atop the standings at 6-1.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ferguson not prepared to risk Rooney

SOCCER Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson is unlikely to risk injured striker Wayne Rooney against Bayern Munich today in the second leg of the Champions League quarterfinals.

Rooney injured ligaments in his right ankle last Tuesday when United lost to Bayern 2-1 in the first leg, but he is already ahead of schedule after initially been ruled out for up to three weeks.

"We have made some

progress with the lad, the medical team have done fantastic, but I'm not prepared to take a risk when the player is not 100 per cent fit," Ferguson said yesterday. "We are looking more at the Manchester City game (on April 17), maybe Blackburn as a sub (on Sunday), but the boy is making good progress."

Ferguson, however, didn't rule out the possibility that Rooney would play against Bayern at Old Trafford.

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Spa Escape at Paradisus will be offering stays from May 1 through July 30 at Paradisus Palma Real in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. The package, \$769 per person, includes 3 nights' accommodations in a Deluxe Garden View. paradisuspalmareal.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Where to stay in Lisbon

TRAVELLERS HOUSE

Located on Augusta Street, downtown. If you're on a budget it's a good and clean choice. Rooms from \$40.

IBIS HOTEL

Several good locations in Lisbon, such as Saldanha and Av. José Malhoa. Simple bedrooms with a 24 hour bar service. Rooms from \$48.

FONTANA PARK HOTEL

This trendy hotel in central Lisbon was honoured at the European Hotel Design Awards 2008. Decorated by Nini Andrade Silva, Portugal's top interior designer, it's the best choice if you want to relax in style. Rooms from \$90.

PESTANA PALACE

This five star palace is the choice of celebrities like Madonna. Not far from Belém district, it's very quiet and surrounded by beautiful gardens. Fantastic furniture and paintings adorn all the rooms. Rooms from \$200 to \$3,000.

CÉLIA PEDROSO/
METRO WORLD NEWS

More info

For more about Lisbon go to visitlisboa.com.



When travelling to the Portuguese capital for the first time, most people want to go to the Belém district where historical monuments, like the 16th century Jerónimo's Monastery and the Belém Tower, are located.

Start the day off right Pastéis de Belém

For locals, the real draw in that neighbourhood is the famous café Pastéis de

Belém, selling custard tarts with the same name.

The big queues might scare you, but just sit inside in one of the cute rooms and enjoy at least two of these warm "pastéis" with a spray of cinnamon and sugar.

Get a taste of the arts Museums and parks

Afterwards, take a stroll through the nearby Botanical Tropical Garden and the hip (and free) Berardo Art Museum in Centro Cultural de Belém — a main venue for classical, jazz and pop



Lisbon's magnificent old quarter — made up of a labyrinth of alleyways and narrow streets — dates back more than 200 years.

History and culture

From cafes to beaches, Portugal's capital offers it all

concerts.

Don't miss

Sharks and penguins

The new quarter of Parque das Nações is great for a stroll along the Tagus river and a visit to the huge Oceanário aquarium.

The Sleeping with the sharks adventure nights for kids are very popular.

Take a walk into history Alfama and downtown

This old quarter, where most buildings survived the 1775 earthquake, looks like a maze of narrow streets and alleys, and beautiful belvederes.

Walk it on your own or with one of the organized tours by Lisbon Walker. Go downtown to explore the post-earthquake architecture. In Augusta Street, visit the Fashion and Design Museum for free.

It houses everything from Vivienne Westwood to Dior, plus an amazing furniture collection.

Enjoy a day at the beach Cascais Coast

Lisbon has the rare privilege among European capi-

tals of having fine beaches just a 20 minutes away by car or train.

Head to the Cascais Coast and choose one of three beaches — Carcavelos (with a surf school), Estoril or Guincho (also a popular spot



with wind-surfers and surf fans) — to spend the afternoon at.

If you rent a car, cross the bridge to Costa da Caparica, and stop to check out or even try your hand at kite surfing.

Dine right

More than bacalhau

You'll find plenty of cheap restaurants serving fish, seafood or salted cod (bacalhau) dishes.

Trendy places that also offer reasonable prices include Café Royale in Chia-

do. Ask for the "Sangria" made with berries. Fusion dinners are big in Charcutaria Francesa (charcutariafrancesa.com), without a written menu, in Praça das Flores. For a great gourmet experience try the more expensive Bocca (bocca.pt), or Tavares (restaurantetavares.pt), founded in 1784, and now led by awarded chef José Avillez.

Dance the night away Bairro Alto

Nights in Lisbon are busy and most discos don't start until 1 a.m.

From the teen-crowded area of Santos, to the more grownup atmosphere of Bairro Alto, there are countless bars and clubs and a great street atmosphere.

The mainstream clubs reside around the Docks area, near the river. BBC and its terrace Sweet are popular, but the trendiest club in town is LuxFragil in Santa Apolónia, co-owned by actor John Malkovich. Urban Beach by the river, is good for a sunset cocktail.

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Eco-tourism at its best

Blue Horizons Garden Resort (GrenadaBlueHorizons.com) offers an ideal location for travelers interested in eco tourism as it is home to more than 21 species of native birds and 49 species moths that inhabit the six-and-a-quarter acre property. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Nice blends French flash and charm

WHERE TO WAKE UP

Negresco Hotel, hotel-ne-

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nice.com

Built directly opposite the seafront, the hotel has sweeping seaviews. Sublime and surreal, the staff wear 18th century garb (whilst treading on leopard print carpets) while hand-carved carousel horses are favoured decor.

SPEND THE MORNING

Markets
The daily flower and food market along Cours Saleya is an array of sights and scents. Everything from sun-dried tomatoes

WHERE TO LUNCH

Coco Beach, cocobeach-restaurant.com
Coco Beach was once the favorite lunch spot of Pablo Picasso. From the

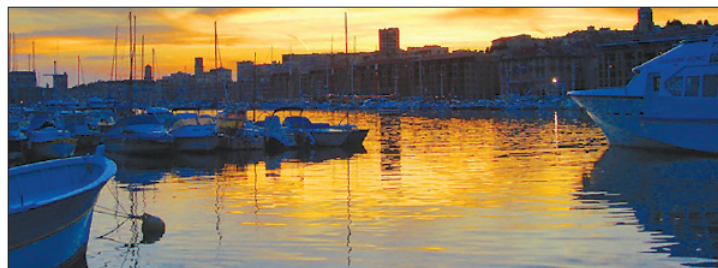
saffron-laced bouillabaisse to the pissaladière (a provençal pizza topped with caramelized onion, olives and anchovies), dishes and the views are stunning.

SPEND THE AFTERNOON

Promenade des Anglais
Strap on a pair of rollerblades, skates or just walk the famous Promenade des Anglais. A wide palm-lined pavement following the curve of the coast. If the weather allows, take a dip in the water to cool off. Perfectly pretty and there's some great ice-cream places.

WHERE TO DINE

L'Escalinada, escalinada.fr
Following a lengthy aperitif of olives and Pastis (aniseed liquor typical of Provence), take a seat at L'Escalinada a cozy Italian restaurant on Rue



A stunning Nice waterfront sunset.

Pairolière. Try the fried courgette and aubergine followed by home made Gorgonzola gnocchi. Real Provence.

SPEND THE NIGHT

Le Guest, 5 Quai des Deux Emmanuel, Port de Nice
Come night-time glamour becomes the keyword. By the harbor is Le Guest — a swanky club with low lights and high prices. Dom



Perignon champagne bottles are waiting to be popped open upon arrival. Perfect for a romantic drink or dance fuelled fun.

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Architecture lovers win fight to keep building

Lovers of modern architecture have won a round in their fight to preserve a half-century-old building at Gettysburg, despite efforts by Civil War purists to demolish the structure to restore the battlefield to its original appearance.

For a decade, the National Park Service has been seeking to demolish the Cyclorama Building, built in 1958 by famed modernist architect Richard

Neutra to house a massive circular painting of the famous 1863 battle which has been relocated.

The building is near one of the highest points on Cemetery Ridge, a key defensive position where nearly 1,000 Union soldiers were killed or wounded during Pickett's Charge. The National Parks Service would like to remove the building to preserve the battlesite but an architectural preservation

group says the building is also historically important.

A federal judge in Washington ruled last week that the park service did not follow procedure on the matter. U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Hogan told the park that it must go back and reconsider its 1999 decision to raze the building before it can take any action to knock down the structure.

In March 2009, U.S. Magistrate Judge Alan Kay recommended that the U.S. Dis-

trict Court rule in favour of the suit by the Recent Past Preservation Network and ordered the park to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement evaluating the potential impacts and review alternatives to demolition.

Neither Gettysburg National Military Park nor the National Park Service has commented on the decision.

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Travel in brief

SKIING Aspen Skiing Co. says there's been enough snow and cold temperatures to extend the ski season at Aspen Mountain for two more weekends. Aspen Mountain planned to close April 11 but resort officials said Tuesday that lifts also would run for the weekends of April 17-18 and April 24-25. This is the third straight year that Aspen Skiing Co. has offered an extended season.

Among the other mountains that Aspen Skiing Co. op-

erates, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk plan to close April 4.

EXHIBIT A Milwaukee gallery is hosting an exhibition and sale of more than 30 pieces by Spanish artist Joan Miro. The David Barnett Gallery will feature six original colour and 12 black and white lithographs, all signed, from the series *Maravillas con Variaciones Acrosticas en el Jardin de Miro*. He's also selling at least 15 colour lithograph posters from his personal collection.

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5 Romantic places

Spots guaranteed to ignite your relationship

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News



1 Romeo and Juliet Verona

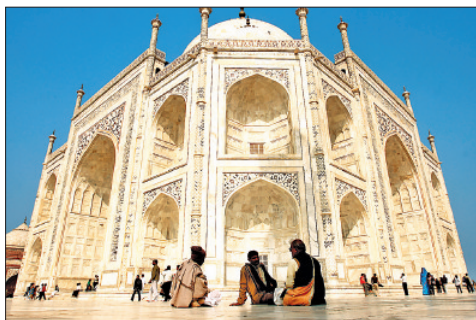
A town whose actual charm is often overlooked because of its link to the greatest romance of all time. The actual "wherefore art thou" balcony is a little underwhelming, but come on, this is Romeo and Juliet — if you can't get romantic here you may have to accept that affairs of the heart may not be your thing. The town is also one of Italy's prettiest with opera in the summer, and great galleries. Lake Garda is also nearby.

Stay: Hotel Gabbia d'Oro, Corso Porta Borsari. hotelgabbiaodoro.it

2 Frankly M'Dear Georgia

A very over-looked U.S. state as far as tourism goes but Georgia's determinedly "southern" laid back take on life and the beautiful countryside is fabulously Gone With the Wind. Many of the antebellum buildings are either real Civil War stock or stylised copies. The state is dotted with great hotels and guest houses. Frankly m'dear you'll give a damn.

Stay: Antebellum Inn, 200 North Columbia Street, Milledgeville. antebelluminn.com



The Taj Mahal in Agra is a monument to lost love.

3 Anthony and Cleopatra Cairo

By day the backdrop to the Anthony and Cleopatra love story can seem a little hectic and scruffy, but under the stars (and lit by an impressive light show), the pyramids seem fabulously romantic. There's something about their permanence and resilience in the face of all that time can throw at them that seems tailor made to inspire love.

Stay: Four Seasons Hotel, 1089 Corniche El Nil. fourseasons.com/caironp

4 Wuthering Heights Yorkshire Moors, England

Emily Bronte's novel of thwarted passion between Heathcliffe and Cathy is routinely voted the most romantic novel of all time. And looking out onto the brooding Yorkshire Moors in northern England, it's

House, Mytholmes Lane, Haworth, West Yorkshire. ashmounthaworth.co.uk

5 Palace of Love The Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal, in Agra, is perhaps the greatest monument to lost love in the world. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan who was griefstricken after his third wife died during the birth of their 14th child. And 350 years later the white mar-

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easy to see how these rolling hills provided such inspiration. Even more haunting in the rain, which, it being Yorkshire, is highly likely.

Stay: Ashmount Country

ble minarets are still pretty much the benchmark for anyone thinking of building a palace of love.

Stay: The Oberoi Amarvilas, Taj East Gate Road. oberoihotels.com.



The "wherefore art thou" balcony from Romeo and Juliet is located in Verona, one of Italy's prettiest towns.



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STAY

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GO

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DAILY BUDGET: \$100

EAT

Fifteen

Fifteen was the TV brainchild of celebrity chef Jamie Oliver who wanted to give jobless kids a chance to shine in the kitchen. Don't let that put you off — it's genuinely excellent. fifteen.net

STAY

Ten Manchester Street

Hotel

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GO

Lovebox

London's coolest festival. This year it's Roxy Music, Dizzee Rascal and Grace Jones — but it's not the bands it's the vibe. Chilled, metropolitan, self-aware — this is London at play. July 16-18. lovebox.net.

DAILY BUDGET: \$500

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A pool in the Ilha do Papagaio in Brazil. Most of the island area is rare Atlantic rainforest.

Island paradise

Be enveloped by pristine nature in Papagaio, Brazil

MAURICIO XAVIER
Metro World News



If you find selecting a hotel a real headache then the paradise island of Papagaio is your dream holiday — it only has one!

The entire island, off the coast of southern Brazil, has been owned by the Senh family since 1971, but the hotel was only opened in 1992 when the travelling public started to arrive.

Papagaio is in Palhoça, 30 kilometres from the island of Santa Catarina, where most of Florianópolis, the capital of Santa Catarina State, is located.

To get there you'll need to go to Ponta do Papagaio then take a boat to the is-

Accommodation

- Atay, from \$250/night. The hotel has 21 chalets with views to the Baía da Pinheira. There is a swimming pool, gym and a massage room. You can visit nearby Guarda do Embaú. But you won't want to!

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land.

A bit of a chore yes, but 100 per cent worth it for a taste of the unspoiled natural beauty of Papagaio.

About 80 per cent of the Papagaio island area is rare Atlantic rainforest that is environmentally preserved and protected. And because of this it has some of the

most exhilarating hiking in the world. Seven trails crisscross the island and you'll find yourself enveloped by pristine untouched nature in the raw.

Boat excursions are the only other way to get to know the place and its nearby islands: dos Corais, do Campeche and Moleques do Sul e Três Irmãs.

During the winter season, between June and August, there are also excursions by boat to observe Southern right whales that mate in the waters south of Brazil.

The beaches are known for their clear waters and a range of aquatic sports, such as diving, wakeboard, water ski, kayak and fishing.

Tourists return to Machu Picchu after flood

Tourists are back at Machu Picchu, which reopened after a two-month closure due to floods that washed out the rail link to the mountaintop ruins.

But officials say the entire route is not expected to reopen until June. Until then, tourists can travel by bus from Cuzco to Piscachuco and from there by train to Machu Picchu Pueblo at the base of the ruins.

Peru's No. 1 tourist site had been shut down since late January, when heavy rains disrupted the rail link from the city of Cuzco and trapped some 4,000 tourists, many of whom had to be rescued with helicopters.

Workers have now finished rehabilitating the last 27 kilometres of track,



Actress Susan Sarandon poses during the reopening of the citadel of Machu Picchu in Cuzco, Peru.

though service has not been restored all the way to Cuzco.

The train is the only form of transportation to the fortress, though

hardier tourists can also hike there along the steep Inca Trail.

Machu Picchu averages 1,500 to 2,000 visitors a day.

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'Home' to the fanged

Tourism is up in Forks, the setting of the Twilight saga

PAUL BALDWIN
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It is the wettest place in the United States and one of the wettest places on the planet.

It has a population of 3,000 and is basically a bleak north western logging outpost whose sexiest tourism offering is a "timber museum."

But tourism here is up

1,000 per cent — crushing anywhere else in the recession-hit U.S. — because this is Forks, where the smash hit Twilight saga is set.

Author Stephanie Meyer actually chose Forks, Washington, because it was cold, dark and wet (nine inches of rain fall every month) making it a perfect hang out for the undead.

But now the pull of the

novels and the movies, starring Brit hunk Robert Pattinson, has transformed the fortunes of the town. Let's be honest: You have to be a fan.

Otherwise, you will find yourself travelling to a far flung corner of the States to look at an unremarkable school, a few trees and a slightly untidy beach.

If you're a Twilight devotee, however, you're looking at the world's most brooding locale, the school where the Cullen coven study (and where the lovers first meet), the romantically unkempt, driftwood-strewn La Push beach, with its dramatic sea stacks, and the spooky, moss-draped rainforests.

Only then does Forks make sense.

Tourism director Marcia Bingham says: "It has put us on the map and we are thrilled."

Now visitors don't complain if it's raining, they complain if it's not raining." Twilight fan Annette

Highlights

Where to spend your Twilight dollars:

- Port Angeles where Bella and Edward had their first date, at Bella Italia (118 East 1st Street; 00 1-360 457 5442, bellaitalia.com). The heroine's favorite dish is the mushroom ravioli (\$17)
- Dazzled by Twilight store (135 East 1st Street; 360 452 8800; the original is in Forks). Everything from fake fangs for 25¢ to Bella's engagement ring for \$59.
- Sparkling Twilight, a fizzy red wine produced by the female-owned and -run Olympic Cellars (olympiccellars.com), which it supplies to Bella Italia.

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Bruno-Root moved here to set up two themed shops, a restaurant and tour.

She says: "We've had visitors from every country in the world."



British actor Robert Pattinson is one of the stars of the Twilight movies, which are set in Forks, Washington.

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Future of Queen's law library uncertain

The head law librarian at Queen's University says the institution may lose its law library if cuts to the school's library system continue. The librarian says 16 library staff positions have been cut since 2004-05, and she anticipates more cuts in the future. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Workology

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Dealing with McMaster's crisis

McMaster University has struck a three-member panel tasked with resolving a conflict in the institution's business school, where faculty have been divided on the issue of Dean Paul Bates' leadership. One faculty group accuses Bates of high-handed management, while the other believes he has been unfairly targeted. The dean will continue in his position and is expected to work in consultation with the panel. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Communication breakdown

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada



What you say isn't half as important as they way you do — or don't — say it.

Sound ridiculous? Consider this: How many of us have walked out of a job screening thinking we aced it? Our answers were wittily smooth, providing great insight into our character and abilities while our resumé was a perfect response to the job description? Still, we didn't get that anticipated call back.

Here's a possible reason. In job interviews, common perception is that what we say has more weight than how it's conveyed. However, as author Alison Craig reveals in her latest book *Hello Job* (Blue Monarch Press), one often overlooked aspect of job hunting is the mannerisms we employ when searching for, well, employ.

"Nonverbal communication is one more piece to the communication puzzle and even dominates the picture, ranging from your body language and facial expressions to your voice



Nonverbal communication, such as hand gestures and eye contact can make or break a job interview, says Alison Craig, author of *Hello Job*.

and, of course, your overall image," she asserts.

Looking at it that way, it's clear how a spotless work history might not be a deal-clincher. Craig notes that regaling those rehearsed speeches about our strengths and weaknesses invariably prove more successful when combined with effective body language, a mode of articulation most Human Resources professionals are highly trained in reading/understanding yet we commonly overlook.

"Don't fool yourself;

they are watching you," she says. "Not giving direct eye contact can be construed as simple nervousness or that you are hiding something from the inter-



viewer. Closed body language such as crossed legs, purses/brief cases on your lap or arms fully crossed across the chest is an unintentional warning telling

others to keep their distance; that we are disinterested in what is going on," Craig charges, adding that hunched shoulders indicate being over-stressed or

"Don't fool yourself; they are watching you."

Hello Job author
Alison Craig on
HR professionals

lazy; careless about our position.

So how do we tackle these unwitting, soundless modes of correspondence? While it seems embarrassing, she advocates private rehearsals in order to maximize positive nonverbal communication.

"Practice doing a mock interview with yourself in the mirror. If you can honestly step back and look at yourself as others see you, you will quickly notice (nonverbal communication). You don't want to memorize your answers but by practising those interview questions, they won't feel so foreign to you anymore."



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Global hybrid electric vehicle sales are expected to rise by 16 per cent in 2010, according to a new report by J.D. Power and Associates. The company expects 840,000 hybrids to be sold by the end of the year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Metro Drive

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Polo on top

The Volkswagen Polo, left, has been named the World Car of the Year. The Audi R8 won Performance Car of the Year, and the Chevrolet Camaro was named Design of the Year at the New York International Auto Show. CANADIANDRIVER.COM



Golf Wagon excels

ROB BEINTEMA
for Metro Canada

Ah, station wagons. They originated as "depot hacks" to carry passengers and luggage from train station to hotel.

Then they evolved into Boomer family haulers and cross-country tourers before gradually degenerating into bloated and vinyl-clad irrelevance, battered by energy crises and compact car revolutions before being supposedly killed off by the advent of the minivan.

But it seems that rumours of their death have been somewhat exaggerated.

Station wagons are back, an evolutionary rebound

2010 VW Golf Wagon

Type: Five-door compact wagon
Price: from \$22,675
Engine: 2.5-litre inline 20-valve five-cylinder; 2.0-litre inline turbocharged four-cylinder common rail diesel

Highlights

- Biggest Golf ever
- Choice of gasoline and TDI clean diesel
- Stylish

from SUV excess, regaining their original popularity with a modern mix of utilitarian practicality, contemporary style and perky performance.

Take the 2010 Golf Wagon for example.

With a starting price of \$22,675, the Golf Wagon is a cheaper entry into German-engineered utility than most Euro-SUVs or crossovers. And yet it offers acceptable, compact-style family seating and loads of cargo-carrying ability, a natural fit for multi-purpose business needs, weekend getaway gear haulage, or for families with pets.

The Golf Wagon is the biggest Golf ever with 930 litres of luggage space behind the rear seats, expanding to an impressive 1890 litres with the 60/40 second row folded flat.

That's roomier than the cargo rating of VW's Tiguan compact SUV. It rivals the larger Touareg's numbers and even surpasses the maximum luggage space of the bigger Passat Wagon.

From the driver's seat, it's easy to forget about cargo space as you look around a premium passenger cabin that is elegantly symmetrical with evident quality in content and construction.

Simple, round red-needled gauges are brilliantly lit in white.

Outside, this sixth generation Golf Wagon pays tribute to the first generation Golf with a radiator grille horizontally aligned between the headlights. For a wagon, it's unexpectedly sleek. It's low-slung, sporty lines and very "un-wagonish" persona surprised me every time that I walked up

The 2010 Volkswagen Golf Wagon is the biggest Golf ever.



to it.

The 2010 VW Golf Wagon comes in varying trim levels with a choice of two engine

versions — gasoline or TDI Clean Diesel.

It comes standard with a five-speed manual or optional six-speed automatic. My real world combined results with the slightly more frugal automatic averaged out to 10.1L/100km. This gasoline-powered variant starts with the base Trendline model, moving upscale to a Comfortline trim level.

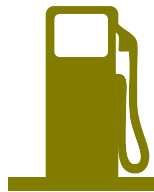
Stick to the speed limit on a long highway run and you might actually reach

VW's boasted range of 1190 km on a single tank. My more realistic combined averages, as usual, worked out closer to the city rating, returning me 6.5L/100km.

Regardless of personal preferences, trim selections or even powertrain choices, the 2010 Volkswagen Golf Wagon blends quality and content in a package that is elegantly stylish and eminently practical.

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GM research aims to help drivers cut through fog

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

If you've ever driven in heavy fog, you know how dangerous it can be. General Motors' research and development (R&D) and several universities are working on an advanced vision system that uses data from sensors and cameras to project an image across the entire windshield, letting you "see" the road clearly through the fog.

While it will be a long time before the full-screen display comes to market, if ever, the technologies being developed for it could have applications in upcoming vehicles. "The images are created by coating the windshield with a transparent phosphor," says Thomas Seder, lab group manager of human machine interface at GM R&D. "You can see

through it when it's not being irradiated with UV light. But if you use a micro laser and irradiate a spot, the transparent phosphor will fluoresce, either red, green or blue."

GM was one of the first to offer a head-up display, or HUD, which projects a small image on the windshield, visible only to the driver, showing information such as vehicle speed.

"We're looking to create enhanced vision systems," Seder says. "We're not creating anything that isn't out there in the real world. If you can imagine a night vision system that could detect a deer on the side of the road, you can't see it with your naked eye, but this could see it and then highlight its exact location. If you look at some concepts that people have proposed, you could be reading your email on a head-up display,



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but that's not what we want to do. Once you start cluttering up HUD with information that belongs in the centre stack or head-down display, we think that's very distracting. We want to enhance the driver's vision, not detract from it."

Developing technologies such as sign-reading can assist a driver by removing the need to search for landmarks. "We've all had the experience where you're scanning for the road sign and you're not looking at the road," Seder says. "The

primary task in driving is piloting, and navigating is secondary, but people's attention gets focused on the secondary task."

The futuristic full-screen vision is much more complicated, because all of the

"The images are created by coating the windshield with a transparent phosphor."

GM's Thomas Seder

information must be aligned correctly to the driver's eye. "The road signs don't require a precise image, but there's a penalty if I mismark the road edge," Seder says. "That one's more of a difficult technology. We need to know the vehicle's position, its orientation and the driver's position within the vehicle to precisely align the display image to the real-world image. It's a fairly intricate system, but we'll get better and better."

Driving Force

Scion iQ, tC on their way

Scion has presented two new production vehicles at the New York Auto Show: The 2011 iQ premium micro-subcompact, and the 2011 sports coupe. The tC is scheduled to arrive in dealerships this fall, while the iQ will go on sale in early 2011. CANADIANDRIVER.COM



Camry built on reputation

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada



MODEL: 2002 to 2005 Toyota Camry
VEHICLE TYPE: Sedan
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: \$5,500 to \$15,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:

Building on generations of reliability and owner satisfaction, the last-generation Toyota Camry was bought as a proven, no-nonsense machine by thousands of Canadians. If you're looking for a level-headed used family sedan, they don't get much more sensible than this.

Used Camry shoppers in this generation can choose between a 2.4 litre four-cylinder engine with 157 horsepower, or a 3-litre V6 with 192. Later in Camry's life, the V6 was up-sized to

3.3 litres, and horsepower climbed to 220.

The four-cylinder engine should prove adequate for most drivers, though the V6 is popular with those after added performance, and those who frequently travel with a carload of occupants and gear. All Camry models were front wheel drive, and an automatic or manual transmission were available — depending on the selected engine.

WHAT OWNERS

LIKE: Last-generation Camry owners typically report satisfaction with the ride quality, roomy interior and fuel mileage. The big trunk and available V6 performance were commonly praised, too.

WHAT OWNERS HATE:

Typical owner complaints deal with the Camry's bland looks and character. Some owners also wish for better visibility, more comfortable seats and more agile handling, too.

COMMON ISSUES: If you're shopping for an earlier Camry in this generation, scrutinize its steering while driving in a straight line. Question any "pull" you experience through the wheel, as there are many well-documented cases of

an apparently unfixable alignment issue at the start of this generation.

Early Camry models in this generation may also have a higher likelihood of transmission trouble, according to owners forums.

THE VERDICT: A newer, low-mileage fifth-generation Camry from a certified dealer should be the best bet for long-term confidence. There are less expensive used family sedans in the used car market, but few with this strong a reputation.



Second Gear

A newer, low-mileage fifth-generation Toyota Camry from a certified dealer program is a good bet for long-term confidence.

LEDs light up future

TECH The latest technology that is changing the face of cars is the Light-Emitting Diode (LED). LEDs which are smaller, brighter and can be configured together are gradually replacing conventional incandescent and halogen bulbs.

Audi is lighting the way in terms of LED use. Currently it makes more use of the technology than any other manufacturer, using the lights to create a unique look for the front and rear of its cars. The A1, A4, A5, and R8 all have LED running lights making them stand out.

The rest of the car industry is following suit. Many recent concept cars have used LEDs to add visual interest, suggesting that we can expect to see their use on cars other than Audis soon.

LEDs, though more expensive, are used because they illuminate quickly. This means they are particularly safe when used for rear taillights. Vehicle designers like them because they offer greater design flexibility. As the bulbs are much smaller, they take up less space, meaning that they are more versatile allowing designers the opportunity to create lighting "shapes." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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They were brought to our attention through conversations with two car washing experts: Jim Dvorak of Mothers Polish, and Rachel Agnew of Black Magic (a division of Shell Lubricants).

SOAPING: For soaping a car down, I prefer to use a live squirrel. But Dvorak recommends a sheepskin or lambs wool wash mitt for the main body (above the beltline), and second mitt (microfibre "mop head" or "chenille" for) for the dirtier lower body. This lowers your chances of scratching paint with dirt particles in your mitt. Agnew reminds us not to use dish soap, which will certainly strip away any wax you've applied. Car wash soap is milder and is designed to carry dirt away when rinsed. Use two buckets: one to rinse dirt off the mitt, the other to put clean suds on the mitt.

WAXING: There is a misconception that vehicles with clear coat paint finishes do not need wax. You want to protect your clear coat, as you would any coat. Our experts recommend waxing every eight to 12 weeks. New synthetic wax products are very easy to polish off, even if left on for hours (unlike carburetor wax, which sometimes needs to be chiseled off). Dvorak adds that many people are revisiting the benefits of the “pre-wax” clay bar.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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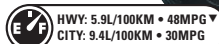
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Star Wars the sitcom

Star Wars is coming to TV as an animated comedy series. Lucasfilm says the sitcom will explore the comic aspects of that "galaxy far, far away" as it playfully and irreverently confronts the saga's characters and mythology. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Entertainment

Graphic Ryan

Ryan Reynolds has reportedly signed on to R.I.P.D., a Universal Pictures movie based on the Peter Lenkov graphic novel.

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When Date Night goes bad

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Of all the successful Canadians in Hollywood, the name Shawn Levy is not as popularized as it should be.

After all, the Montreal-born filmmaker has made some of today's most successful family comedies (The Night at the Museum films for instance) and his work has generated over \$1.5 billion worldwide. Now with Date Night, the big-name filmmaker is hoping to gain a greater reputation with a more adult-oriented comedy and quite frankly, not everyone is happy about it.

"It's my first non-family film," said Levy during a

recent interview. "(And) my own daughters — I have three — feel betrayed that I've made a movie that they can't see ... they've watched Cheaper by the Dozen 9,000 times!" Still, the Levy clan shouldn't be discouraged.

With Date Night, Levy has crafted a very funny movie by matching two of comedy's top actors — Steve Carell and Tina Fey — as a bored married couple that go out on their weekly "date night" and end up being chased by crooked cops and the mafia.

"I had a feeling that whoever put them (together) in a movie first was going to reap the benefits," said Levy. "But as a married couple especially feels so organ-



Tina Fey, Steve Carell and Mark Wahlberg in a scene from the new movie Date Night.

ic. They may be married to other people (in real life) but you sure buy them on-screen as a married couple ... the style and tone of their

comedy is so well-matched."

But as Levy insists, Date Night is not just a comedy. It delves into the world of action with plenty of break-

ins, shoot-outs and a bizarre car chase that involved hooking two cars front bumper-to-front bumper.

"No one has seen a

Siamese car chase through Manhattan," noted Levy. "I think the goal was to make it really, really funny but to also try and make it relatable to grown-ups in relationships ... and then where there is action, frankly to do action like we haven't seen before."

Although Date Night should expose Levy to a distinctly older audience, the filmmaker's refusal to be pegged down is illustrated by the variety of future projects he has in production — including a Steven Spielberg-produced blockbuster called Real Steel.

"While I'm certainly going to do more big tent-pole movies, I'm also developing (intimate) character pieces," said Levy.

"So I'm just getting warmed up."

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On doctor's orders, singer Whitney Houston had to postpone her scheduled concert yesterday in Paris, France, at the Omnisport Bercy due to an "upper respiratory infection" her publicist said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Move over Hannah Montana

Two new tweens are hitting the small screen

Get ready to meet Brigit Mender and Victoria Justice, the two biggest stars the world has never heard of — at least that segment of the planet that excludes anyone outside the ages of eight and 14.

But among that increasingly coveted tween demographic — the one that made superstars of Miley Cyrus and Zac Efron — Justice and Mender's career arcs have been steadily rising for years.

Mender was the cute vampire who dated David Henrie's socially inept wizard on *Wizards of Waverly Place*, while Justice was the equally cute upstart rival to Jamie Lynn Spears on *zone 101*.

Now the two 17-year-olds are getting their own Sunday night sitcoms, *Justice* in *Victorious*, which debuts at 8 p.m. EDT this weekend, and *mendole* in *Good Luck Charlie*, which debuted last weekend and airs at 8:30 p.m.

Mender's character on *Good Luck Charlie* is determined to videotape every significant event in the life of her newborn sister, Charlie, while at the same time juggling typical teen problems such as annoying brothers, overly protective parents and flaky boyfriends.

Meanwhile, *Victorious* puts Justice in a performing arts high school whose wacky student body (populated by several young Broadway theatre veterans) is capable of breaking into song and dance whenever the mood strikes.

The show's creator, Dan



Seventeen-year-old Brigit Mender is one of two young TV actresses on the cusp of stardom.

Schneider, says he began grooming the actress for just such a breakout role the moment he saw her audition to play second banana to Spears on *zone 101* nearly five years ago.

At rival Disney, the feeling was the same when a 14-year-old *mendole* arrived to audition for *Sonny With a Chance*. The role would go to another tween idol, Demi Lovato, but *mendole* wouldn't go unnoticed.

There seems to be a wealth of TV tween stars at the moment, raising the question: Is there room for two more? The Jonas Brothers have their own eponymous show, Miranda Cosgrove has become nearly a household name on *iCarly*, as has

Selena Gomez on *Wizards of Waverly Place* — their images plastered all over TV, on lunch boxes, backpacks and buses.

But that doesn't mean networks like Disney and Nickelodeon can stop cranking out new kid stars. After all, they grow up, as Miley Cyrus, who's in her last year of *Hannah Montana*, is quickly doing.

Some of them also cause embarrassment, as Spears did when she announced she was pregnant as the

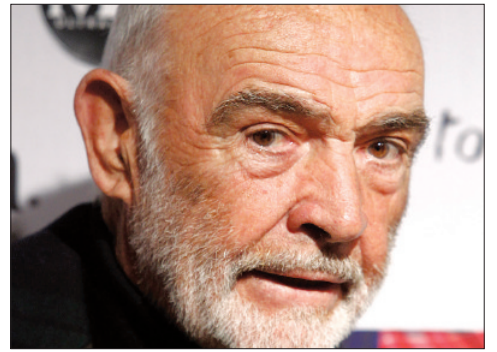
fourth season of *zone 101* was beginning. Or when a nude photo of Vanessa Hudgens surfaced on the Internet when she was starring opposite Efron in the *High School Musical* movies.

To prepare them, Disney puts child stars through something it calls Talent 101 which includes a seminar advising them on security precautions they might take and how to behave in public and in front of the press.

But looming stardom doesn't seem to have had much of an impact so far on *mendole*, who can appear self-assured beyond her years one moment, while discussing something like acting, then revert to a wide-eyed innocence when talking about getting her driver's license.

Likewise, Justice remains sanguine. Yes, she acknowledges, carrying a TV show is a big responsibility. But, hey, she's had other challenges in her life. "I graduated high school!" she shrieks with delight.

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Sean Connery at *Dressed to Kilt* in New York, April 5, 2010.

Sean Connery's Dressed to Kilt in New York

MANHATTAN Sean Connery celebrated Scotland's eclectic style with a fashion show featuring celebrities, athletes and wounded war veterans in modernized kilts, capes and beanies from top Scottish designers.

Connery said Monday's seventh annual *Dressed to Kilt*, "certainly brings together a very interesting mix of people."

Mike Myers, donning a kilt, argyle socks and sneakers, was first on the catwalk at the Chelsea nightclub space. Al Roker was close behind in a longer kilt, paired with bright yellow socks.

Joan Jett

was a crowd-pleaser in her door-knocker bra top, patent-leather trench coat, micro-mini kilt and an outrageous feather headpiece by William Chambers, and Kelly Bensimon and Kellie Pickler each wore tiny corset dresses.

Scottish export Alan Cumming wore an all-matching plaid three-piece kilt suit, and actors Kyle MacLachlan and Sam Waterston also appeared comfily in their kilts. Speed skater Shani Davis accessorized with his Olympic gold medal. But while there was a thoroughly festive atmosphere on stage, the mood became respectful when veterans from the Wounded Warrior Project appeared as models. The fashion show raises money for Friends of Scotland, a non-profit founded by Connery. Proceeds were to be split by between Wounded Warriors, the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Scottish equivalent group, the Erskine Hospital.

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VH1 seeks more diverse audience

Cable network to feature more racially progressive reality programs

On her new VH1 reality dating show, *Rozonda Thomas* — better known as *Chilli* from the groundbreaking hip-hop group *TLC* — doesn't lounge in bubble baths or hand out fakebling to her suitors. Instead, the 39-year-old singer and mother meets bachelors at black-tie affairs and confers with a dating expert, as well as her 12-year-old son.

The cable network, synonymous with *Flavor of Love* and its sleazy spin-offs, is trading trampiness for fabulousness with a new slate of series starring seemingly well-adjusted rich and famous black Americans.

VH1 executive vice-president Jeff Olde admits that the shift from oh-no-they-didn't fare to more mature material is totally intentional.

"We constantly have to evolve and tell our audience different stories," he says. "I love that we've been able to get more diverse with our audience by — in large part — attracting African-American women to the network.



In this publicity image for VH1's *Basketball Wives* from left, Jennifer Williams, Royce Reed, Erika Moxam, Shaunie O'Neal, Evelyn Lozada, Suzie Ketchum and Gloria Govan pose together.

We got them in the door with some shows, and now I'm excited about where we're going and how we're telling them different kinds of stories."

With a Sunday debut, *What Chilli Wants* will be partnered that night with *Brandy & Ray J: A Family Business*, focusing on sibling R&B singers Ray J and Brandy Norwood as they attempt to relaunch their music careers, and *Basketball Wives*, starring

Shaquille O'Neal's ex-wife, Shaunie O'Neal, and five other women with romantic links to basketball players.

For the notoriously trashy VH1, it's not reality as usual. While cat fights will flare up with the *Basketball Wives* and *Chilli* promises a tiff with her sassy matchmaker on *What Chilli Wants*, these new shows certainly aren't selling buzzworthy moments akin to *Flavor of*

Love contestants spiting on each other or suddenly defecating on the floor.

"I watched *Flavour of Love* myself," attests Chilli. "It was definitely one of the shows I thought was interesting, but it made sense for Flav to do it just that way. For me, I wanted to do my show in a way that I would be comfortable with, and I was very happy that VH1 was on the same page with me."

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It smells like cats, Hagen Daaz, a hint of bitterness, and torn up Angelina Jolie photos
Jennifer Aniston is sniffing the sweet smell of success — she's preparing to launch her debut fragrance. She is fulfilling a long-time dream by creating her own signature scent, femalefirst.co.uk reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Springtime for Hitler at the James household?

GUESS SANDRA ISN'T THE ONLY FILM STAR IN THE FAMILY

While there's been no word on divorce filings by Sandra Bullock, things could get even uglier for Jesse James if any of the 12 homemade sex tapes he allegedly made come to light, according to Radar Online.



"Most of the tapes feature a mass amount of Nazi paraphernalia," a source who

claims to have seen some of the material says. "It's all really quite disturbing. What I saw was a naked woman on her knees and Jesse in a Nazi hat waving his arm in a salute. It looked like the woman's hands were bound."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Arrivederci for Clooney's Italian love interest: Report

BACK TO THE HOT, VACANT BRUNETTE ASSEMBLY LINE FOR GEORGIE

George Clooney has reportedly called it quits with his Italian girlfriend, Elisabetta Canalis, according to Grazia magazine. Sources say Clooney ended the nine-month relationship be-

cause he wasn't a fan of Canalis' party-going ways. "George loved her, but didn't want that lifestyle," a source tells the magazine. "They'd been on the rocks since February, but held on to make it through awards season."

METRO WORLD NEWS



Ex-Housewife sues series creator

HEY — PAYCHECKS DON'T GROW ON TREES. RIGHT? ANYONE?

Nicolette Sheridan apparently isn't thrilled with how things ended for her on *Desperate Housewives*, as she's now suing series creator Marc Cherry for \$20 million US over allegations of assault, gender violence and wrongful termination, according to *Hollyscoop*.

Sheridan claims that Cherry was abusive to her

on set, going so far as to hit her on the head and face over a script dispute.



The suit alleges that her character on the series was killed off because the actress complained about his behavior.

"The decision to kill off Sheridan's character demonstrates that Cherry and ABC intended to and did retaliate against Sheridan for her complaints about Cherry," according to the lawsuit.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Jake reveals secret behind buff bod

PRINCE OF PARKOUR Forget the treadmill and free weights. Jake Gyllenhaal, who got noticeably buff for his role in this summer's *Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time*, has revealed how he got ripped for his role — and a gym membership wasn't one of them.

Gyllenhaal's secret to achieving the hulking

build of his character Prince Dastan? The French martial art of Parkour (also known as "freerunning"), *people.com* reports.

"(I) never did anything this intensive before (to change my body). It's a physical role. And when I commit to playing a part, it's 110 per cent," said the 29-year-old actor.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Low-rent Lohan can't make a buck

MAYBE SNOOKI NEEDS A NEW ROOMMATE

Lindsay Lohan's troubles aren't solely with her father, as *Showbiz Spy* reports the actress' only source of income these days is from personal appearances. That wouldn't be a problem, except that her fee has reportedly dropped considerably — and she's now making less than *Jersey Shore* cast members get.

"When Lindsay does get paid for attending events, she now gets \$5,000 to \$10,000, (which is) basically less than Snooki makes," a source says.

METRO WORLD NEWS



Tom urges Katie to pack on the pounds

BECAUSE XENU FETUSES CAN'T THRIVE IN TIGHT, ENCLOSED SPACES

Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes are reportedly ready for a second child, and to get ready for another pregnancy, Holmes is packing on the pounds, according to *Now* magazine. "Katie's been gorging on loads of carbs and she's put on at least 12 pounds," a source says. "She hates the fact that she's heavier, but Tom insisted that she needed more meat on her bones to have a greater chance of getting pregnant."



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waxes profound (not really), **JOSH**

GROBAN isn't much to look at, **JONATHAN ROSS** is thinking about the future, and **JESSICA ALBA** is putting out quite a spread.

@jeremypiven Sexy can become beautiful and beautiful can become hideous.

@joshgroban A lone paparazzi got me and my dog (again) today. Bless. I said "really exciting stuff, guy. Great job". A paycheck, my photo is not.

@wossy Just read Asimov science fiction mag. It occurs to me to ask, how long before we stop calling 'email' emails, and start calling them mail?

@jessicaalba I'm making family Sat. brunch — Chicken/Cheese Enchiladas, Guacamole, Beans, Rice and Banana Cream Pie for dessert.

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Leibovitz money troubles continue

VANITY UNFAIR The investment firm that was tasked with managing the mismanaged fortune of Annie Leibovitz is suing the celebrity photographer, alleging she owes them a whopping \$800,000 US in unpaid bills for their services, *popeater.com* reports.

Brunswick Capital Partners LP said in a lawsuit filed Friday that Leibovitz owes the fees for its help arranging her recent financing agreement with another firm, Colony Capital LLC, the Associated Press reports. Through a spokesman, Leibovitz declined to comment Monday.

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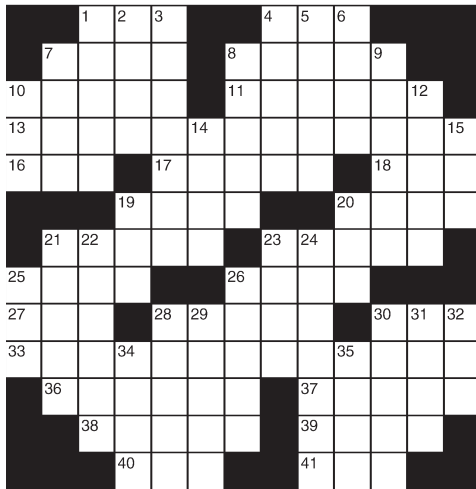
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Take Five



ACROSS

- 1 — Mahal
- 4 Mail sorting ctr.
- 7 Calming exercise
- 8 Jim Morrison's band, with "The"
- 10 Shaped like a dunce cap
- 11 Mistakes in print
- 13 Tumbler
- 16 Moment
- 17 Actress Parker
- 18 Pi follower
- 19 Sound quality
- 20 Squared
- 21 Suggestions
- 23 Compare
- 25 Treaty
- 26 City of Seven Hills
- 27 "Hail!"
- 28 Figure of speech
- 30 — constrictor
- 33 Tumbler
- 36 Dog
- 37 Sarah Palin book, "Going —"
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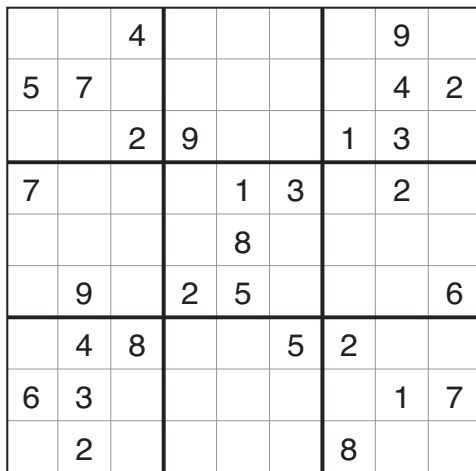
DOWN

- 1 Gin partner
- 2 Not "fer"
- 3 Big win in Vegas
- 4 Ravine
- 5 "— and Bess"
- 6 Exam format
- 7 Olden days
- 8 Thick
- 9 Famish
- 10 LPs' successors
- 12 Wan
- 14 Charged particles
- 15 Trinity member
- 19 Stick with a kick
- 20 — out a living
- 21 Widespread destruction
- 22 Greenland sight

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

L	U	S	T	A	G	A	P	R	O	P
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O	G	R	E	E	A	T	A	C	E	R
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8	3	2	4	6	5	9	7	1
6	9	1	3	7	2	5	8	4
4	5	7	9	1	8	2	3	6
2	8	5	6	9	3	1	4	7
7	1	9	8	5	4	3	6	2
3	4	6	1	2	7	8	9	5
1	2	3	7	8	6	4	5	9
5	7	8	2	4	9	6	1	3
9	6	4	5	3	1	7	2	8

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Chicken and Shrimp Jambalaya

INGREDIENTS:

- 100 g chorizo sausage, cut into small chunks
- 300 g skinless chicken breast fillets, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 2 cups long-grain rice
- 4 cups hot chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 bay leaf
- 200 g bottle tomato salsa
- 200 g raw, peeled tiger jumbo shrimp
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

METHOD:

1. Heat large, deep frying pan over medium heat. Add chorizo and fry until just starting to brown. Remove with slotted spoon and set aside. Add chicken to chorizo oil and cook 1-2 minutes, stirring until

lightly coloured. Remove and set aside.
2. Add rice to pan and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Pour in hot stock and add bay leaf. Reduce heat, then cover pan with lid or foil and simmer gently 5 minutes.
3. Stir chorizo and chicken into rice. Cover pan and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in salsa, jumbo shrimp and parsley, and cook 3-4 minutes or until jumbo shrimp are just cooked, most of liquid has been absorbed and rice is tender.
4. Remove bay leaf, then season; serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Some serious matters need to be dealt with and people are looking to you to take the lead. You'll do it, of course, but don't do all the hard stuff yourself.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23
Speak up if you disagree with what a friend or family member is proposing. They may not welcome your input now but later on they will thank you for caring.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21
Strive for clarity in everything. The more you keep things simple over the next 24 hours the more likely it is you will impress some Very Important People.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
After the trials and tribulations of recent weeks it might be wise to find yourself a quiet place where you can get your mind together.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
Focus on business and money matters today. You may be a long way behind in your financial affairs but you can easily catch up if you make an effort.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
A sudden change of direction will be forced on you today and it will annoy you that you did not see it coming. Never mind. Life is full of twists and turns.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22
Say what you think and don't worry that some people might get angry. Life is too short. The only emotions you have control over are your own.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
Accept yourself for who you are and accept others for who they are. That is the message of the stars today and if you heed it you won't go far wrong.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23
Pluto will stop you in your tracks today and demand answers to some serious questions. It may mean having second thoughts about something.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
If nothing else, recent developments will have made you more willing to experiment with new ideas and new ways of doing things.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22
There is a huge opportunity just waiting to be taken advantage of, but you can't seem to find the energy to get started. Maybe you need to question your aims.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20
Seek out people who inspire you and whose ideas are different, even radical. The world is changing at such a pace that you cannot afford to stay where you are.

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1868: Thomas D'Arcy McGee, one of the Canadian Fathers of Confederation is assassinated by the Irish, in one of the few Canadian political assassinations, and the only one of a federal politician.

1940: Booker T. Washington becomes the first African American to be depicted on a United States postage stamp.

1948: The World Health Organization is established by the UN.

1985: Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev declares a moratorium on the deployment of middle-range missiles in Europe.

1994: Massacres of Tutsis begin in Kigali, Rwanda.

2003: U.S. troops capture Baghdad; Saddam Hussein's regime falls two days later.

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